

Hello, Christian Parents & Pastors:

Have you heard about the new **Schoolhouse Network**? My husband, Paul, myself and many others like us have been on a mission for several years, sounding the alarm to parents about public education and the indoctrination of Christian children. The "salt and light" argument is indefensible, and fewer are using it after witnessing the major cultural pivot our society has taken. While the "woke agenda" wasn't birthed in government schools, it's where it has landed, and these indoctrination centers are pushing harder than ever to target children with their anti-God plans for them.

In New Jersey, the State Department of Education recently released a report demonstrating how a very low number of students identifying as "non-binary" in 2019–20 has increased by 4,000% in 2022–23. The long-laid plan for children is alive and working, and that which is truly evil is being touted simply as a social trend. Mostly it's adolescent girls who are deceived, and they're primarily learning this behavior and subscribing to these philosophies via their "mentors" at and through the public schools.

A published Gallup poll showed that nearly 20% of Generation Z now identify as LGBT as compared with 11% of millennial adults. Each year, the wickedness increases, and by now hopefully, with this audience anyway, we are preaching to the choir:

Christian kids do not belong in the system.

Paul returned in June from walking the floors and standing behind the **Homeschool Freedom** booth at the Southern Baptist Convention. Day after day, their booth was swarmed with pastors. For the first time in the 23 years *The Old Schoolhouse*® has been around, we have seen a real shifting of the tide. Very few pastors still use the "salt and light" argument. Instead, they are in full agreement that it's a terrible quandary in which the church has found itself. Parents are approaching their own pastors with a serious dilemma: **What to do?** *Our son thinks he's a girl now, and his school and teachers are not backing up our parenting wishes, instead urging our son to disregard our counsel.*

Pastors and church leaders, faced with the direness of the situation—we're talking about the next generation here, these children's very souls—are looking for answers to the public school problem. And it is a big one.

The church is the solution to the public school problem.

Someone is going to disciple these children. In fact, it's been happening all along. Education is a form of discipleship, and a student becomes like his teacher, once trained (Luke 6:40). The child will continue to be discipled in darkness, influenced by those who serve an ancient master, executing the plans of that very ancient enemy.

Or, those plans can be foiled with rescue. Parents can begin waking up to God's Word (the Bible) and what it says about their important role, God's very calling on them as parents: to train up their own children, and raise them up in the admonition of the Lord as He commands us to do.

It is not a suggestion.

How can a parent do this?

The local church body answers that question. Godly leadership is the defense. The first step is to immediately remove Christian children from the atheistic environment they're in. They don't belong in that place any more than they belong in a tavern. Certainly they're not going there to witness to or contend with their instructors—the very authority under whom they sit. Get them out.

As they grow into adults, immersed daily in God's Word, under parents who lovingly train them up in the way they should go, these precious souls will be ready, both spiritually and academically, to go out into this dark world and be salt and light, representatives of Christ, now qualified and trained to use the full armor of God.



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A **Church Schoolhouse** is a new network but not a new concept. It's similar to a highly organized homeschool co-op, but with some differences. In the Schoolhouse model, a family who already has a membership to <u>SchoolhouseTeachers.com</u> can join—with no enrollment fees—their local Schoolhouse. A church's leadership (pastor/elder board) oversees its own Schoolhouse as a ministry of their church, with a Facilitator (usually a member/homeschool mom of that fellowship) organizing its schedule, publishing the class list, and helping families as they choose which classes they will teach and those their children will take. The whole operation is under the umbrella of the local church—right where it was centuries ago when the literacy rates were in the high nineties-percentile.

No per-class fees. No per-child fees. No limits on classes when you join a local church Schoolhouse. It's a community, and every family receives instruction and helps teach or assist, as students complete their studies, together.

Unlike a co-op or a school, the Schoolhouse is a network. This means that if there are five Schoolhouses in one city, any family could take and teach classes from the Schoolhouse in which they enroll. But instead of joining a co-op with one published list of classes for the semester or year, a Schoolhouse family can make full use of the network, has access to multiple class lists across more than one local Schoolhouse, and can enroll as needed in any available local Schoolhouse Community. They are popping up nationwide this summer.

I hope you continue on this path with your children, the one of Biblical discipleship. Keep the bar high: the biblical standard is that bar. The Lord has called us to train up our own children and to His glory. He will make a way for you, and I pray His richest blessings on your family.

Consider asking your pastor to open up your church's doors to homeschooling families in the immediate vicinity of your church for the purpose of biblical discipleship. A turn-key setup exists and is very simple to implement in any church. Pastors can easily offer a solution to parents and their children who just want to come out of the government system for good. Please show your pastor: www.ChurchSchoolhouse.com.

Forward this note to him if you'd like.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in joining or even starting up a Schoolhouse in your city (we are already fielding requests from parents and pastors around the country), please come and fill out this short form, and we'll get you more information: www.JoinSchoolhouse.com

I hope to speak with you soon.

In Christ, Gena Suarez, Publisher

